

RACERS TEARING UP SPEED RECORDS AT INDIANAPOLIS

Twenty-seven Drivers Getting Ready for the Memorial Day Classic.

By HARRY WARD.

Tuning up practice at the Indianapolis motor speedway for the 500-mile international sweepstakes race Memorial Day indicates that Ray Harroun's record of 74.4 miles an hour, established last year, will go by the board. Twenty-seven of the fastest automobiles every produced have been entered for the classic event and twenty-seven of the world's best pilots will strive for the \$50,000 in cash prizes that have been hung up by the speedway management.

With Eddie Hearne at the wheel of a specially built car, the freak shaped machine has been fairly tearing up the track in practice spins. The car is of the armored type, being shaped like a big cigar, a torpedo-like end extending from the rear as an exhaust discharge. The racer weighs 3,500 pounds, being one of the heaviest cars entered for the long grind of five centuries. The new flier easily reached the eighty miles an hour mark on its first appearance, and Hearne has more than once reeled off laps at the rate of ninety miles an hour, Hearne declaring it was merely a "jaunt over the course."

Bob Burman, who has the distinction of having traveled a mile faster than any human being is looming up as a factor in the race. He will wear his specially designed racing togs, and is confident he will land the main prize with his car holds up. Today Tetzlaff, who last Saturday in the Santa Monica race established a new world record of 77.7 miles an hour, will pilot the same car he used in that race and will likely rule as favorite for the event. Other noted drivers who will face Starty, Frank Wagner include Ralph DePalma, Louis Diebold, Ralph Mulford, Joe Horan, Leo Zengel, Harvey Herrick, "Howdy" Wilcox, Spencer Wilcox, Bert Dingel, Harry Knight, Gil Anderson, Charley Wilcox, Charley Merz, and "Farmer Bill" Endicott.

It is expected more than 100,000 people will witness the race, and many of them will go to the Indiana capital in their machines. It is possible several Washington motorists will make the overland trip.

Among the Washington motorists who saw the world's automobile race record broken at Santa Monica, when Tetzlaff reeled off 301 miles with the fast average of 77.7 miles an hour were Frank V. Killian and W. F. Brice. They are attending the annual meeting of the Mystic Shrine in Los Angeles.

J. T. Rose, Washington representative of the Wolverine Lubricants Company, returned yesterday from a trip to Norfolk, Richmond, Petersburg and other points in Virginia. "I had a most successful trip," said Mr. Rose, and booked some big orders for Wolf's Head and Packard automobile oils.

President Taft has consented to serve as the honorary president of the American Road Congress, which is to be a combination of the big conventions of the American Automobile Association, the American Association for Highway Improvement, and the National Association of Road Material and Machinery Manufacturers, and all their affiliated organizations. The congress is to be held next fall, either September or October, the exact time and place not yet having been determined.

Howard Reeside, vice president of the American Securities and Trust Company, has placed an order with the Cook & Stoddard Company for a Cadillac touring car. Joseph Leiter, president of the Washington Gas Light Company, has ordered his second Cadillac roadster, while other orders for Cadillac cars booked this week by the Cook & Stoddard Company include the following: Frank Walker, torpedo; Charles Aufenthal, touring car; J. J. O'Donnell, touring car; W. Berens, jr., touring car; Mrs. E. G. Gillette, touring car; and Mrs. R. A. Harlow, landaulet.

By winning the light car class in the Santa Monica road race, averaging 48.8 miles per hour for 101 miles, a Maxwell car, entered and driven by a private owner, has established a new world's light car record, and recovered the title which the Maxwell won in Long Island Stock Car Derby at Riverhead, N. Y., three years ago.

Notwithstanding that the Maxwell-Briceton Motor Company and other divisions of the United States Motor Company, and other divisions of the United States Motor Company have withdrawn from racing, the performance at Santa Monica will be credited to the contest board of the American Automobile Association by the United States Motor Company. This does not mean, however, that the company will resume racing. For two or three years the officials have been holding special contests, believing that reliability contests furnish a better test.

Emerson & Orme report the sale of two 1,000-pound Detroit electric delivery wagons to the Washington Tobacco Company. Each will be equipped with Edison batteries.

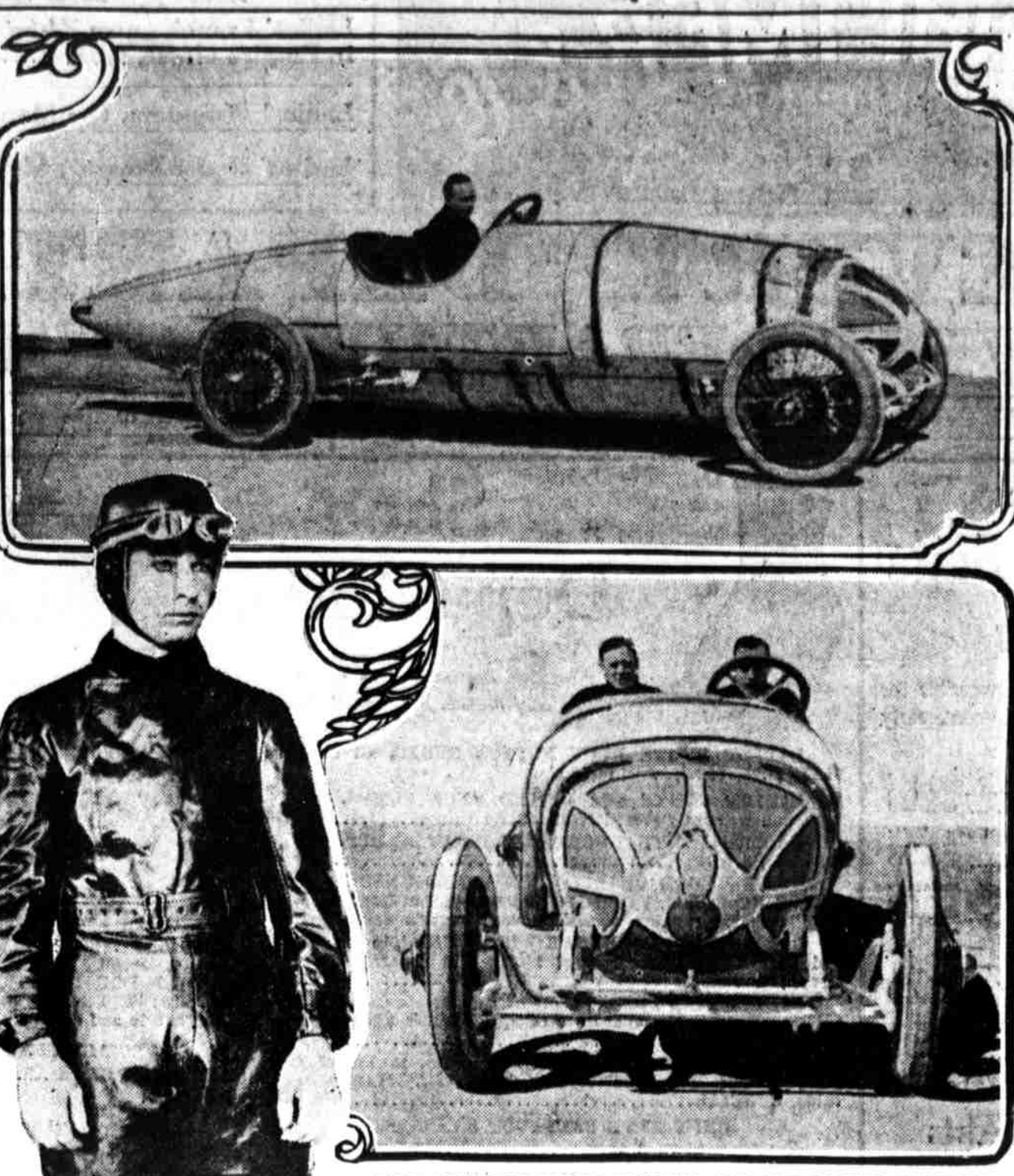
F. W. Powers, manager of the Washington branch of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, is spending a few days in Norfolk and Richmond.

Merchants Realize Value Of Motor Trucks

That merchants and manufacturers in all lines are alive to the value of motor trucks is evident to all who get a broad view of the situation all over the world. The progressive business man of today avails himself of every modern device for doing things economically, which at the same time is always a saver of time and labor, according to John N. Willys, president of the Willys-Overland Company, one of the largest automobile manufacturing concerns in the world.

Past-century methods, in this age of progression, are an impediment, says President Willys. If merchants in all lines would make a practice of keeping itemized accounts of the cost of their delivery system they would become easier converts to the use of motor trucks. All must concede that stable equipment must be maintained, whether business is active or dull, and the horse out of use is just as expensive as the horse that is giving full service. Compare this with the economy of the motor vehicle, which needs neither fuel nor oil except when in service, and which requires but little stable room and attention when not in use. This is the most forcible, and in all probability the decisive, feature in the argument for the use of motor trucks. The cost of transportation can be determined just as logically as the cost of operating any other machine. It is merely a question of measuring the work required and measuring the cost, and placing one against the other. In other words, you pay only for measured service.

To Participate in Indianapolis Races



TWO POSES OF EDDIE HEARNE AND HIS RACING MACHINE.

SUPPLY OF BANANAS ESPECIALLY HEAVY

Shipments Reach Here Today From Jamaica Ready for Distribution.

Immense shipments of Jamaica bananas, the first of the crop that will be offered almost exclusively to Washington buyers for several weeks, are arriving today in readiness for distribution to different fruit houses tomorrow. Not many of this variety of banana have been received here this year, the first shipments from Jamaica reaching Baltimore by steamer early this week.

Porto Rico bananas have not been shown here in any quantity so far this season, that crop being somewhat later than the Jamaica fruit. Central America has been furnishing the bulk of the bananas for several weeks.

Dealers here say that the present crop is almost half short of last year, which, however, was an extra heavy one. At the prevailing price of from 2 to 3 cents per pound, wholesale, bananas are selling at from 75 cents to \$1.50 per bunch, the bunches running from 60 to 150 bananas. Poor and second grade stock sells as low as 40 cents per bunch, "lumbo," or extra fine bananas bring from \$2 to \$2.50 per bunch. About 5,000 bunches of bananas are consumed in Washington every week, totaling about twelve carloads.

The results are illuminating. The majority of answers favored center control, chiefly because it is not only more handy, but also does away with many unnecessary parts. Left side steering was endorsed by many who still are using the right side method. The present users of the left side steering cars were unanimous in considering this method as the only safe and convenient style of driving. The long stroke was also heartily endorsed.

The principal fault in the 1912 cars, however, as pointed out by a large number of the users, was hard riding springs. This brings up the question of spring suspension of the average automobile mentioned as having a built-in device to make for easy riding. The majority of vehicles mentioned in this straw ballot failed to escape more or less blame for being poorly suspended and not holding the road well. The fact that shock absorbers are still considered a necessary part of the equipment of a large number of cars shows that manufacturers, with only a few exceptions, have not as yet solved the point of easy riding.

National Association Will Control Shows

The formation of a circuit of local automobile shows has been determined upon by the National Association of Automobile Manufacturers. "For the last two months," said a member of the organization, "work has been progressing with a view to controlling the number of local shows, which have grown beyond all reasonable bounds, or of enabling the manufacturer to resist the demands made upon him. The association will not attempt to prevent the holding of any local show, but it will form a circuit embracing the principal cities, so arranging dates that they will not conflict, and that each show in the circuit will be assured of a reasonable amount of co-operation on the part of the manufacturers."

Automobile Business A Financial Gauge

Business men generally regard the automobile business as a barometer of the financial condition of the country. To most purchasers the automobile is a luxury to be enjoyed by the class to whom financial difficulty is a stranger. Business men and financiers watch with interest the continued growth of the automobile business and regard its present prosperity as one of the surest indications of the solidity of this country's financial condition.

Gieb Elected. Robert U. Gieb has been elected a member of the Automobile Club of Washington. He is connected with the Cook & Stoddard Company.

CHEMISTS CONCLUDE OYSTER BED SURVEY

Samples Brought Back From Potomac Bottom for Analysis.

Pure food experts of the Bureau of Chemistry, Department of Agriculture, have just concluded a detailed investigation and survey of the oyster beds of the Potomac river from Washington to Point Lookout, at the mouth of the Potomac.

The investigation took in not only all the Potomac beds, but covered all the tributary streams of consequence. The investigation was under the personal direction of Dr. G. W. Stiles, jr., directing the division of bacteriological chemistry. The party, including Dr. Stiles, Dr. J. W. Sale, chemist, and Thomas Chick, engineer, left Washington more than two weeks ago on a chartered power launch. Samples from all of the river oyster beds were brought back to Washington for chemical analysis.

Results of the investigation will not be announced for several weeks, until detailed reports of the work are received by Secretary Wilson.

Lecture on Hawaii.

Dr. Thomas Edward Potterton, of Brooklyn, N. Y., lectures tonight at 8 o'clock at the Church of Our Father on "Hawaii, One of the Pearls of Creation." One hundred highly colored lantern slides will be used to illustrate the talk.

POLICE RECOVER STOLEN MACHINE OF L. A. WATERS

"Joy Riders" Have Wild Trip Around Sections of Washington.

Two automobiles stolen last night by "joy riders" were found abandoned by the police this morning. In the shadow of the First precinct station the machine belonging to Lowery A. Waters, which was stolen by three colored men near the baseball park yesterday afternoon, was found shortly after midnight. The machine was standing in Twelfth street, near C street.

"Joy riders" who stole a machine belonging to F. R. White, of 1707 Park road northwest, from a hotel near the Union Station last night abandoned the vehicle at Fourteenth and I streets northwest some time between 2 and 3 o'clock.

Probably the most exciting chase conducted by the local police in months for automobile thieves ensued on the discovery that the three colored men had taken the Waters machine. Several times during the night the machine and its occupants were sighted. Once it passed the Sixth precinct station, but by the time bicycle police were in pursuit the machine disappeared.

Later in the night the "joy riders" were heard from in the northwest section of the city. Then a report was received that the machine was sighted on the road to Baltimore. Bicycle police were sent after the thieves, and after chasing them out in the northeast suburbs were following closely in the wake of the stolen machine when it struck a street car at Vermont avenue and C street northwest. The collision did not seem to worry the "joy riders," however, for they continued on their way and successfully eluded arrest. The machine was not seen by the searchers again until police of the First precinct found it standing almost in front of the station house door.

Disabled Soldiers Charge Discrimination

Having learned that certain inmates of the Home for Disabled Soldiers at Dayton, Ohio, are compelled to work twelve hours a day, in violation of the act of August 1, 1882, President Taft yesterday sent a letter to James W. Wadsworth, of New York, president of the board of directors of the home, asking that the evil be corrected.

The President was also informed that certain of the engineers at the home work only eight hours a day. The men forced to work twelve hours are victims of discrimination, say the President's informants, and these only receive the same salary as the men who work shorter hours.

Washington Women To Attend Memorial

Mrs. Margaret Walker, president of the Department of the Potomac, Washington Red Cross, and Mrs. Isabel Worrell Ball, of the national organization, will attend the memorial exercises in Philadelphia next Tuesday in honor of Miss Clara Barton.

Mrs. Ball will speak. The memorial will be held by the Philadelphia Nurses' School, which was founded by Miss Barton, and in which she took a constant interest up to the time of her death.

FALLING BRANCH ENDANGERS LIVES

Anacostia Woman and Child Have Narrow Escape From Death When Heavy Limb Crashes to the Sidewalk Before Them.

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU, ANACOSTIA, D. C., MAY 12.

Mrs. Florence M. Hamilton, of 1830 U street, and Lee H. Hamilton, her three-year-old boy, narrowly escaped serious injury last evening about 6 o'clock, when a heavy limb of a poplar tree in front of 1351 Good Hope road crashed to the sidewalk at the feet of Mrs. Hamilton, who was drawing her little boy in a small cart. Parts of flying debris struck Mrs. Hamilton in the face, but she was not badly injured.

"Japan Sunday" was observed in the Sunday school of the Anacostia Methodist Episcopal Church this morning, and the class of Miss Mabel Fyles was in charge of the program. Miss Marguerite Campbell discussed in a paper "The Religion of the Japanese." Miss Hilda Hennings read a paper on "Customs of the Japanese." Miss Marjorie Haines described "The Festival of the Japanese" in another paper.

Plans are being made for the annual

excursion of members of the Friendly League and their husbands, June 7, to Great Falls.

A social will be held in St. Teresa's Parochial School tomorrow night by the Ladies' Benevolent Society of the church.

Miss Florence E. Casswell, of St. Elizabeth's, has gone to her home, in the vicinity of Hughesville, Charles county, Md., for several weeks.

The field work of the police officers who have been engaged in collecting data for the census is over, and the figures will soon be sent in to headquarters. While no announcement has been made of the result of the count in the Anacostia section it is thought now that the figures will be slightly below 16,000 people, the number that was expected to be indicated, and it seems likely that 15,000 will be nearer the true mark.

In the absence of Capt. W. T. Anderson from the Eleventh precinct, the station is in charge of Lieut. C. L. Plimmon, who is acting in his place.

RED CROSS VISITORS GUESTS AT LEGATION

Delegates to Take Sightseeing Trip Over Capital Tomorrow Afternoon.

M. Paul Ritter, minister from Switzerland, will give a dinner at the legation, 2013 Hillyer place, tonight, in honor of the International Red Cross Committee and the delegates to the ninth international conference from Switzerland. The guests will be the French Ambassador and Mme. Jusserand, Gustave Ador, president of the international committee; Miss Alice Favre, delegate representing the Ladies' Red Cross Society of Geneva; Dr. Ferriere, of the international committee, and his daughter, Miss Ferriere; Major C. de Marval, the Persian charge d'affaires, and Mme. Mirza Ali Kuli Khan, Frederic Barbey, and John Jiggins, attaché of the Swiss legation.

An automobile trip about Washington is planned for tomorrow afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock. The delegates will leave for the trip from the Pan-American building, 1000 Pennsylvania avenue, at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Ritter will give a tea for the delegates at her home, on Dupont circle.

Californians to Hold Meeting Tonight

The California State Association meets tonight at 8 o'clock at the office of the Sunset Route, 905 F street northwest, to perfect final arrangements for the dedication of the Joaquin Miller cabin in Rock Creek Park next Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. All Californians in the District, regardless of whether they are members of the association, are invited to attend the meeting tonight. The cabin will be turned over to the District Commissioners next Sunday. It is hoped to make the occasion impressive.

NEW PAPAL EMBASSY CELEBRANT OF MASS

Monsignor Bonzana Presides Over Morning Services At the Legation.

Mgr. Giovanni Bonzano, the new papal delegate to the United States, celebrated his first mass in this country this morning at 8 o'clock at the papal legation. Immediately thereafter the first communion was given to the sons of Senor Don Joaquin Bernardo Calvo, ambassador from Costa Rica. The ambassador and Dona Maria de Calvo, with three friends, attended the service. Their sons, Rafael and Luisito, are eleven and nine years old, respectively. Immediately after the close of the communion service the party returned to the embassy.

A reception and dinner will be given tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock at the Catholic University by the Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Shahan for Mr. Bonzano. The heads of all Catholic institutions and other distinguished church dignitaries in Washington have been invited to meet the new papal delegate, archbishop of Mytilene. This is the first of a series of functions to be given in honor of the apostolic delegate.

To Arouse Interest In Study of Bible

Under the auspices of the International Bible Students' Association, Pastor Russell of London, one of the most famous pulpits orators in the world, will speak at 3 this afternoon at the New National Theater. To encourage study of the Bible is the object of the address, which will be non-sectarian in character. Pastor Russell, who will take as his topic, "Which is the True Gospel?" holds implicitly to belief in the inspiration of the Scriptures as originally presented.

Saks & Company

Pennsylvania Avenue

Seventh Street

Red-Man and Lion Brand Collars

The Regular 15c Grade

SIX FOR 40c

Here's the biggest bargain scheduled in Washington for tomorrow of interest to the men.

There Are 1,000 Dozen of the Red Man There Are 250 Dozen of the Lion Brand

Mark this—they are fresh, new goods, in original packages—including all the newest styles made in both brands—High-band, Wing, Poke, and Low Turn-down. And there's every size—from 13 1-2 to 19.

But you mustn't hold us to the promise of every size if you delay in your coming. In the last Special Collar Sale we held a few weeks ago some of the late comers were disappointed. Thousands of men attend these sales of ours—and the first to come have first choice.

One way to find employment is to watch the Help Wanted columns of The Times each day. If you do not find the position you want the very first day you read these advertisements, keep at it! Read them every day. Do this, and sooner or later your opportunity will arrive. Washington's best employers use the Help Wanted columns of The Times because they have found by experience that it pays to

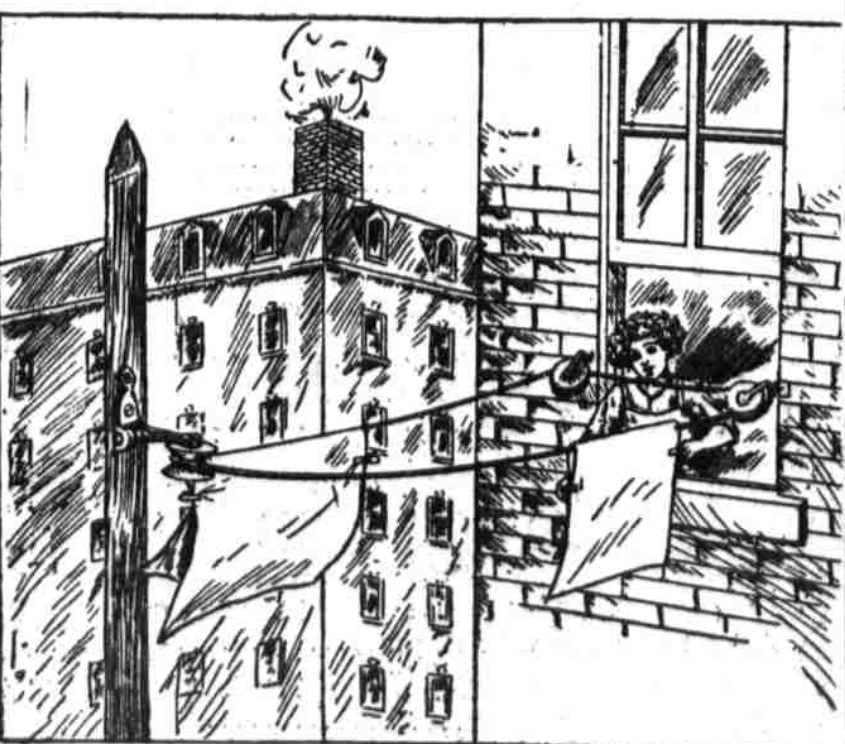
Keep Right At It

Put It In The Times

SEE THE CROWDS AT Jackson Bros.' BIG FURNITURE HOUSE

915-925 7th Street N. W.

WHAT?



A Demonstration of the New DOUBLE CLOTHES LINE PULLEY
For Yards, Apartments, Etc.
A Labor Saver and a Relief to the Housekeepers
PRICE 25c DON'T MISS IT!